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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification at page 1, lines 5-8 as follows:

--The present application is a divisional application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/621,897, filed July 20, 2000, presently pending, which is a continuation-in-part of and ~~claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to~~ U.S. Application Serial No. 09/041,185, filed March 10, 1998, which claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to Provisional Serial No. 60/057,069, filed August 29, 1997, each of which are is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.--